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COOLING OFF with the aid of water sprayed from a hose by Carolyn Archer is Holly, the horse. This proves, of course, that the water's fine — when it's nice and cool. —Sun Photo by Mattson

## Dispute Sharpens Over Preparations For Community Balloting on Pine Grove

With dispute sharpening as to wording of the ballot and method of voting, preparations for community-wide balloting late this month or early next month regarding the Pine Grove will be the major topic at the Orinda Association's Civic Affairs Committee meeting at 8 p.m. Monday at Orinda School.

Association President Robert Boyle reported yesterday that at an informal board meeting Monday night at the Oak Springs clubhouse, the directors agreed that the main issue involves "the precedent of rezoning."

"The directors of the Orinda Association," Boyle said, "consider that the principle issue involving the Pine Grove property is one of whether or not the precedent of rezoning should be established to accommodate a use of commercial business interests that do not serve the immediate needs of the community."

"THIS ASSOCIATION was founded on the basic premise of the desire of the residents and property owners to preserve the residential character of Orinda."

"The preamble to our constitution clearly states that fact, and as directors we cannot permit the violation of this established purpose — unless the people of Orinda wish to dictate otherwise."

"In that case, the constitution of our community as well as the association ceases to function for the preservation of a strictly residential area."

HOWEVER, Pacific Intermountain Express Company, which plans to build a \$750,000 office headquarters at its 10½-acre Pine Grove property, disagreed as to the basic question.

Executive Vice-President C. Eugene Johnson, in a letter to Civic Affairs Chairman Paul Pollack, with a copy sent to Boyle, said:

"As for wording of the ballot, we will have to remember that I voluntarily came to the Orinda Association (having made no contacts with the county authorities before or since that time), seeking their support of our anticipated request for the rezoning of our property to permit construction of our proposed administration building."

"THAT IS THE basic question, and it has been agreed between us that we would ask the people to ballot to decide that question."

"Therefore, this ballot must not contain anything which may confuse this question."

"Because of these facts we feel with sincere conviction that the ballot wording, subject to possible minor refinement, can only be something like this: 'Should the Orinda Association approve P.E.'s request for rezoning the Pine Grove property so as to permit construction of their proposed administration building?'; the vote to be by a cross or mark opposite the word 'yes' or 'no.'"

In response to a request by Boyle for "a formal expression" on P.E.'s "willingness to be bound by the results of this ballot," Johnson's letter continued:

"IN THE PAST day or two the question has arisen as to what position P.E. will take if the vote is negative. Some have said that I have made the statement that I would abide by such a vote."

"No such statement has ever been made by anyone from this company; however in answering a question by Mr. Boyle on Monday I told him that we had never felt that the majority of the people did not want our administration building and I can say therefore that there has never been any serious discussion on our part as to what steps would be taken in such an event."

"If the vote is close, I might possibly determine that it is a matter for the county authorities to decide."

"If a substantial majority vote negatively, future procedure as to the disposition of the property, etc., would unquestionably have to be

## Firm Plans Over 300 Homes Near Crossroads Area

A 300 to 350-home development is planned by A. R. Muth and Sons on 249 acres of land between the Crossroads and the J. D. St. Hill property on the southeast side of Mt. Diablo Boulevard.

That was disclosed last Saturday when it was revealed the Muth firm, of Modesto, had purchased the acreage from East Bay Municipal District for \$280,000.

THE SALE WAS handled by the Land Properties Realty of 3691 Mt. Diablo Boulevard, Lafayette, according to Joseph Cappelloni and Lester W. Felting, brokers for Land Properties Realty.

Muth and Sons took over the purchase originally started by Louis C. Roberts, Alameda developer, Cappelloni said.

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## Tentative School Budget \$662,913 — May Cause District Tax Rate Boost

A tentative budget of \$662,913 — highest so far — was adopted Monday night by the Orinda School District board of trustees.

The total is \$131,325 higher than the 1954-55 total of \$531,588 and may necessitate a tax increase, according to District Superintendent of Schools Joseph Sheaff.

SHEAFF SAID The tax rate may have to be raised from the present \$1.14 to "about \$1.37."

The tentative budget will be sent to the County Superintendent of Schools' office by July 1. That office will review it and return it by July 15 when the local school board may make any recommended changes.

A public hearing will be held on the budget the first week in August, at a regular board meeting.

Underlying reason for the increased budget is the rapidly growing enrollment, Sheaff said, and he listed the following factors as some of the immediate causes of the increase:

1. Eleven regular teachers have been added (from 32 to 43), plus a principal for the Pine Grove School, another librarian, home arts teacher, industrial arts teacher, physical education instructor and a music teacher.

2. THE new teacher salary schedule raised overall salaries some \$10,000.

3. Cost of additional school supplies (almost \$8000 more).

4. Increases in non-certificated personnel (two custodians and two secretaries added).

5. School bus (about \$11,500).

6. INDUSTRIAL and home arts furniture at the Pine Grove School and at the Sleepy Hollow additions.

Here, according to Superintendent Sheaff, is the breakdown for the various items in the tentative budget:

ADMINISTRATION — \$9960.  
Instruction — \$422,078.  
Auxiliary service — \$4600 (nurse's salary, first aid equipment, etc.).  
Operation — \$47,260 (includes utilities, custodian salaries, etc.).

MAINTENANCE — \$17,300 (salaries for maintenance personnel, janitor, carpenter, plumber, repairs, etc.).  
Fixed charges — \$11,701 (insurance, retirement contributions).  
Transportation — \$50,000.

COMMUNITY SERVICES — \$5200 (creations program during summer at the school and on Saturdays during the school year).

Food service — \$3000 (expenses incurred in setting up cafeteria, in event cafeteria is decided upon for Pine Grove School).

Transportation — \$5500 (to pay to Berkeley School District for education of children living near and attending Berkeley schools although residing within geographical confines of Orinda School District).

Undistributed reserve — \$7500 (to be used in case budget has been underestimated).

GENERAL RESERVE — \$2000 (to be part of reserve to carry district through July, August and September, when no tax revenue is forthcoming).

Capitol County — \$78,813.  
The latter item includes \$31,500 incurred for completion of Sleepy Hollow additions; \$11,500 for new school bus; \$8750 for furniture at Sleepy Hollow additions; \$8000 for home arts and industrial arts equipment at the Pine Grove School and \$8000 for miscellaneous items, such as landscaping of Pine Grove School and a hardwood floor for the same school.

THE CAPITAL OUTLAY also includes \$10,000 set aside for possible purchase of the 19-acre inland Valley site now owned by the Utah Construction Company.

Superintendent Sheaff explained that the item was set aside on the assumption that negotiations with Utah "will prove successful," in which case the district may purchase one-third of the acreage each year for three years.

Sheaff said Trustee Seaver Ballard is investigating the possibility of using bond money instead of tax money to purchase the site.

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2. Granted one-year leaves of absence to Mrs. Marilyn Kaufman, second grade teacher, and Mrs. Carol Miller, kindergarten teacher, both at Sleepy Hollow School.

3. Authorized Sheaff to investigate the district's joining with the Acalanes High School District in hiring the Stanford University School of Education researchers for a survey of school district needs.

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## Double Sessions In Orinda Schools May Be Curtailed

Double sessions may be drastically reduced next fall in the Orinda School District when the Pine Grove School opens, Superintendent of Schools Joseph Sheaff reported to the district board of trustees Monday night.

The board met at Orinda School library.

APPOINTED AS principal of the Pine Grove School was Philip Lambert, presently principal of Orinda School and district curriculum supervisor.

Sheaff said Lambert will retain his duties as curriculum supervisor in addition to being principal of Pine Grove School.

The board named William Gaskell, seventh grade teacher at Orinda School, as principal to replace Lambert.

Sheaff reported the contractor has informed him the Pine Grove School will be ready for classes when school starts September 7. Contract completion date is September 25.

"At this stage it's hard to tell if Pine Grove School will be open by September 7," Sheaff said.

BASED ON The September 7 date, however, Sheaff said the following grade placements would occur in the district at that time:

1. Orinda School will educate children from kindergarten through the sixth grade, and all sixth grade students in the district will attend Orinda School.

At present, Orinda School conducts fourth through eighth grade classes.

2. Sleepy Hollow, Del Rey and Glorietta will handle kindergarten through fifth-grade students.

THIS WOULD ELIMINATE double sessions at the latter three schools, except for the possibility that Glorietta first grade youngsters may still have to have double sessions.

Sheaff said the large number of first grade youngsters in the Glorietta area may require that prospect, even with the opening of Pine Grove School.

Pine Grove School will educate seventh and eighth grade students only.

"IF PINE GROVE School is not open when school starts we may have to double-session all the other schools and leave the sixth and seventh grades at Glorietta and Del Rey temporarily," Sheaff said.

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## Sanitary District Contracts for Pump Units, Accepts San Ramon Annexations

As part of the district's program to relieve winter overflow problems Central Contra Costa Sanitary District directors on June 2 awarded a contract for the installation of four engine-driven pumping units at the upper and lower Orinda pumping stations.

Waukesha Pacific Equipment Company of Emeryville was awarded the contract on its bid of \$54,498.

THE BID, NOT the lowest of six submitted, was accepted after lengthy discussion over the various firms' engines and pumps.

Directors made their decision on recommendation of Gerry Horst-kotte, district engineer-manager, who explained the district's specifications and guarantee requirements.

The new equipment will supplement a parallel pressure main now being built in Orinda to provide more capacity during storm periods, according to Horst-kotte.

REQUESTS FOR annexation of some 125 acres in the Danville-Alamo areas were accepted by the district board.

Board member Frank Salfinger asserted to other directors that the annexation requests showed opponents of the contemplated 9000 acre assessment district that "some are in favor of getting the sewer service."

The annexations are the Rutherford property of some 52 acres near Alamo, planned for development by the Sawyer Land Company; the 32 acres of the Bettencourt property on Diablo Road; the 30-acre Bardwell property near Del Amigo Road; and 10.2 acres of the Mary Rose property near Danville.

In other action, the board:

1. AGREED to annexation of the Geeting-Mangini property in Pleasant Hill, where a 107-home development is planned. The agreement calls for the developer to build a 220-foot extension of a 10-inch sewer main to provide additional capacity.

The Pine Grove is now zoned Residential-Agricultural. P.E. plans a \$750,000 office building on the 10½-acre site if purchased from the East Bay Municipal Utility District.

Ogden also asserted, "It's not a question of whether or not Orinda can buy that property." He called the latter assumption a "red herring."

Chamber member Stan Allen asked Ogden, "Assuming the P.E. application for rezoning were denied, would it mean the land would just lie there? Has there been any discussion on what use it would have, if not P.E.?"

OGDEN REPLIED, "Johnson said, 'I don't know what we'd do. The land might lie there as a monument to a terrific mistake I made.'"

Ogden added that the Orinda Association board was considering the Pine Grove for community center use, however, if the P.E. bid is denied.

After further discussion on the issue, Dr. Waino A. Laitinen said, "I move we drop this discussion. Anything said now (after the vote) is purely propaganda."

PRESIDENT deLAVEAGA then adjourned the meeting.

Prior to adjournment, Ernest Poll, accepting the inscribed gavel, said he was "deeply moved by the chamber's tribute to his year as president."

He went on to say that he "strongly resented pressure from other organizations and the insinuations that the chamber is working against the progress of Orinda."

He stated that he had tried to accomplish all he could as president "in the face of that pressure."

## Cummings PIE Job Topic of Flareup In Recall Hassle

Installation of electrical facilities at the new Pacific Intermountain Express freight terminal in Emeryville by Contra Costa County Supervisor H. L. (Jack) Cummings' firm, Crockett Electric Shop, was described yesterday by the group seeking Cummings' recall as "the type of involvement which makes it difficult for Mr. Cummings to act objectively as a supervisor."

This charge was termed "ridiculous by Cummings, chairman of the Contra Costa County board and representative of the Second Supervisorial District, who told The Sun: "Never in my period of 22 years as a supervisor have I used my county office to solicit any job. In this particular job, I was in Sacramento when Paul Wiley, my office manager, informed me over the phone that we had been awarded the subcontract for the electrical work."

The recall group, the Citizens for Representative Government, through Robert J. Miller of Lafayette, its publicity committee chairman, issued the following press release, giving Box 221, Alamo, as its mail address:

"CONTRA COSTA County Supervisor H. L. 'Jack' Cummings' firm, the Crockett Electric Shop, is doing the electrical work on the new P.I.E. freight dock in Emeryville. This should be very interesting to the people of Orinda, where P.I.E. proposes to build a new office on land which some say should be set aside for civic center purposes."

"Furthermore, because of the wide sphere of influence of the chairman of the supervisors, it is of interest to all Contra Costa voters. It is the type of involvement which makes it difficult for Mr. Cummings to act objectively as a supervisor. How can he help but be prejudiced when matters affecting his personal gain come before the Board of Supervisors?"

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CUMMINGS, reached by phone at Weimar Sanitarium near Colfax, where he was attending a Weimar board meeting, said yesterday:

"The P.I.E. matter in Orinda has never come before the Board of Supervisors or the Planning Commission. When and if it comes before the Board of Supervisors, I'll vote on the matter according to its merits."

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The "Concord branch" referred to in Miller's press release is Crockett Electric Shop's main office, Wiley explained. It is located at 2060 Contra Costa Highway, Pleasant Hill. Wiley said that Cummings maintains a small office in Crockett, where the original headquarters of the firm were.

WILEY SAID that Crockett Electric's low bid for the electrical subcontracting job was submitted with Dinwiddie Construction Company of San Francisco, general contractor, "around February" and that the work was "possibly started in March and is nearly completed."

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This was verified by H. W. Smith, vice-president of Dinwiddie Construction Company.

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A Lafayette mother who contracted polio after two of her children were inoculated with Salk vaccine was reported yesterday to be "doing well" at Highland Hospital in Oakland.

She is Mrs. Fred L. Klinkner of 4060 Marianne Drive.

HER HUSBAND, an Oakland pharmacist, said he and Mrs. Klinkner had their two youngest children, Linda, 2½, and Andrew, 10 months, inoculated by an Oakland physician April 21.

Klinkner reported the vaccine was from Cutter Laboratories in Berkeley. "We didn't have our oldest child (Tommy, 4½) inoculated at the time because he had a temperature and a cold," Klinkner added.

Mrs. Klinkner became ill with what was thought to be a case of influenza about three weeks later, Klinkner said.

"She got over that a day later and then two weeks after that, on May 29, she came down with polio."

SHE WAS TAKEN to Highland Hospital and placed in an iron lung. Her polio case was described as bulbar, affecting mainly her lungs and swallowing mechanism, Klinkner reported.

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## Brunch Tomorrow Signals Start of Grads' Activity

Graduating eighth grade students from Orinda School begin the year-end social whirl at 10:30 a.m. tomorrow with a brunch party at the home of Mrs. Robert W. Holmes, 4 Diablo View, Orinda.

The Orinda Mothers Club, sponsor of the brunch, has also planned a picnic and dance for the graduates.

**TOMORROW'S PARTY** is expected to last until 2 p.m. and will include ping pong, basketball, shuffle board, swimming and dancing, according to Mrs. Esther Bacon, chairman of the event.

Graduating youngsters from Moraga and Canyon Schools are also invited.

The annual picnic for the grads will be given Tuesday between 10:45 a.m. and 3 p.m. at Orinda Park Pool.

Swimming, 451 EHRDLUFFMM SWIMMING, badminton and "plenty of food" will be the main attractions, according to Mesdames Charles Erickson and Harold Cannon, who are assisted in arrangements by other eighth grade mothers.

Immediately following graduation exercises next Friday, a dance will be held in the Orinda School auditorium from 9:30 p.m. to midnight.

Music will be by the Orindans, Mesdames Sheldon Allen and George Clifford are co-chairmen of the dance.

## Seven Hundred Sign for Summer School

Some 700 youngsters have registered for the Orinda School District's first academic summer sessions according to Philip Lambert, principal of Orinda School.

Lambert will be principal of the program, which will be held between June 20 and July 29 from 9 a.m. to noon weekdays at Orinda School.

**THE SESSIONS** are available for all eight grades in the district.

Lambert said the program will include "enrichment" courses, primarily for advanced and average students, and a remedial course of study for those students who, for various reasons, have fallen behind.

## Letters to The Editor

Dear Editor:

Do you realize this whole Pine Grove situation boils down to "do we want outside business in Orinda or not?"

Letting in just one business not connected with local needs sets a precedent for others to demand the same spot zoning—no matter what you call that spot zoning. Any good reader can tell you that the way to set up a business district is to get one little store in, and then to start chewing away.

If you are interested in lowering your tax rate by the presence of big business in Orinda, let's rezone a really big area, invite executive offices from all types of businesses to come and really make a sizeable reduction.

**LET'S HAVE** a jolly old business district with tall buildings and apartment houses and duplexes! But not spotted around like chicken pox.

But if you moved to a fine residential district of nice homes and you want to protect your investment by having other nice homes around you, you won't let E.B.M.U.D. get its foot in the door by forcing P.I.E. down our throats.

This issue isn't between "Community Center and Pie." It's between E.B.M.U.D. and the people of Orinda again. But they have so clouded the issue and divided the people by promising great sums of money that they are weakening the Orindans' resolve to stick together.

**WE DON'T EVEN** have to buy that Pine Grove for a community center. All we have to do is say once more and more strongly than before — No outside businesses in Orinda!

If the property can't be sold for a large price, the price will drop. You have experienced that in your own homes. P.I.E. knew about this zoning thing before they bought the property but they gambled. How much they really lose you can be sure you'll never know about. But that is part of business too . . . at least in this country.

As our community grows we will need business for our own convenience and consumption, but we don't need outsiders unless we really want them.

We didn't move to Orinda to be slowly encroached upon by business that will lower our property values and keep out others who want to build nice houses, and also help us with the taxes.

Of course, a lot of us suspect a great deal of collusion between E.B.M.U.D. and P.I.E. if not also with Martinez. But thank heaven we are just as good business men and just as smart as the paid workers in each of those organizations to recognize this issue for what it is—another attempt to get the ball rolling towards big business for Orinda, big money for E.B.M.U.D. and the kind of situation such as Milpitas.

It's fine for Milpitas but it would be pretty awful in Orinda.

Winnie Gilmore

Dear Editor:

Just a note to tell you how I appreciate your and your staff's cooperation in covering all our meetings and the prominent space you accorded our news.

If the past year of the Chamber of Commerce should be considered a successful one, your part in it is considerable.

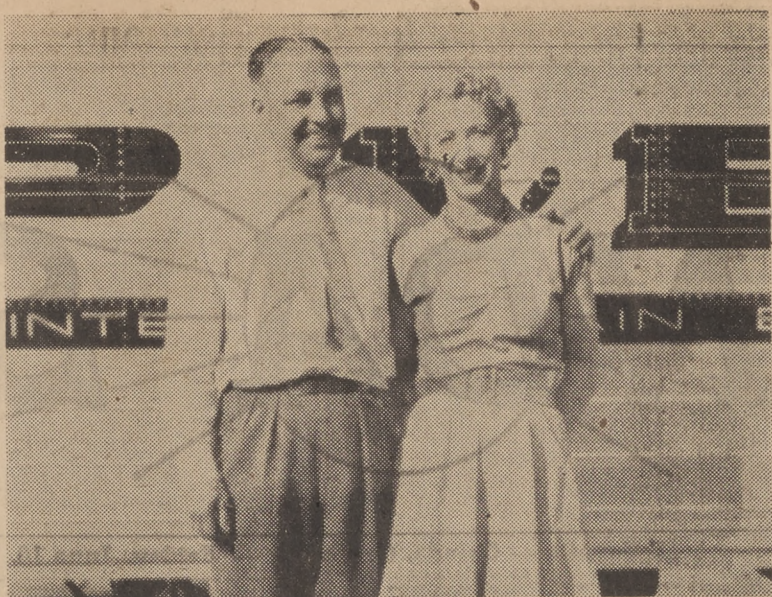
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MR. AND MRS. WALTER E. FRIBERG are residing at 49 Tara Road, Orinda, following their marriage May 27 at Carmel-by-the-Sea. The bride is the former Mrs. Patricia Ott.

## Burning Restrictions to Take Effect

Beginning Wednesday all open burning within the Orinda Fire District will be restricted, Inspector William Koch said yesterday.

Requests for special permits during the summer may be made by calling the Fire Department, CL 4-4333.

Koch added that incinerators must have a clearance of at least 15 feet in diameter. This clearance must be free from grass, weeds or stubble, he said.

Incinerators must be covered, and air openings on incinerators and covers must not exceed 1/4 inch, Koch stated.

Koch also reminded residents

that "possessing or the shooting of firecrackers in our fire district is a misdemeanor, punishable by a fine of \$500 or 6 months in jail or both.

"Due to vandalism last year, extra men will be on patrol to check the unlawful practice," he concluded.

## Ballot Dispute Waxing Hotter

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decided by our board of 14 directors."

**JOHNSON PROPOSED** that the balloting be conducted in a house-to-house canvass, with a P.I.E. representative and an association representative assigned to each area "of 30 homes or so."

This proposal conflicts with the plan of the association for balloting to be sent to Orindans by mail not later than July 1.

Boyle said yesterday that the plan "has all along been for balloting by mail."

But Johnson stated: "WE FEEL a house-to-house canvass is the only fair way to give everyone a chance to vote."

He described a secret ballot whereby a sealed ballot box would be brought to each home and said a ballot card would not require a signature.

He said: "There is no known mailing list which covers the adult population of Orinda. It is a well-known fact that a ballot by mail only results in a very small vote, and we want all the people of Orinda to express an opinion. The entire area of Orinda could be covered in a few hours by this method."

**BOYLE ANNOUNCED** that Joseph Creighton, well-known community leader, has agreed to be general chairman of the June 20 "Town Meeting" regarding the Pine Grove to be held at Orinda School auditorium.

"Creighton has also agreed to head a panel of possibly four people to answer questions," Boyle said.

According to Boyle, the panel will probably include a representative from P.I.E., a representative of the association's Planning Committee and representatives from local citizen groups other than the Orinda Association.

## Breed to Present Alternate Site Plan Monday Night

Horace Breed has been asked by Orinda Association Vice-President P. A. Sawyer to present at Monday night's Civic Affairs Committee meeting a detailed report on a "tableland" alternate site for a community center.

The Civic Affairs meeting will be held at 8 p.m. at Orinda School.

**IN RESPONSE** to letter in which Breed had asked for a place on the agenda of the June 20 "Town Meeting," Sawyer wrote to Breed early this week.

"In reply to your letter of May 29, we ask that you have your report ready to present to the Civic Affairs Committee, which meets June 13 (one week earlier than usual)."

**"THIS REPORT** should include actual cost figures so that an intelligent comparison between the two sites can be made.

"The Civic Affairs Committee will then be in a position to suggest how best the report can be placed before the community and how it can be scheduled for the Town Meeting."

**"IT IS CERTAINLY** desirable to consider all factors bearing on the proper location of an Orinda Community Center.

"But as I suggested on Saturday, the Community Center issue is not the only factor bearing on the Pine Grove development.

"We must also consider what effect the proposed development will have on the residential-suburban character of Orinda."

## Rueckel Girls Earn Degrees at Marquette

Patricia A. and Carol L. Rueckel, 6 Los Altos, received degrees from Marquette University in Milwaukee, Wis., during commencement exercises Wednesday.

Patricia, who has completed Marquette's new graduate counseling program for women, will receive the master of education degree. Carol is a candidate for the bachelor of science degree in journalism.

## LEGAL NOTICE

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON AN APPLICATION FOR A LAND USE PERMIT**

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED, that on Wednesday, June 22, 1955, at the hour of 7:30 P.M. of said day, in the meeting room of the Administration Building, corner of Pine & Escobar Streets, Martinez, Calif., THE BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT WILL consider the application of Hancock Construction Co. for a permit to have lot under 1/2 acre in area (the size of the lot originally recorded) as provided under THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE COUNTY OF CONTRA COSTA.

The property above referred to is described as follows, to-wit: Lot 62, Moraga Meadows, fronting 100 ft. on the west side of Glorietta Blvd. approx. 600 ft. south of Meadow View Road.

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## Meadow Pool Case To Be Appealed To Supervisors

A tie vote meant the Meadow Pool Corporation's bid for a land use permit was denied Tuesday night by the County Planning Commission.

Frank A. Leibold Jr., president of the non-profit group trying to establish a 250-family community swimming pool near the intersection of Heather Lane and Valley Drive, spoke out against the decision and said the case would be appealed to the County Board of Supervisors.

**DEPUTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY** Matthew Walker, counsel for the Planning Commission, advised the commission that its tie vote meant the land use permit application was denied.

Commissioner Arthur Young of Walnut Creek moved the application be denied. He was supported by Chairman J.P. Connors of Crockett and Robert S. Elliott of Richmond.

Voting against denial were George Honegger of Martinez, Donald E. Ward of Pittsburg and Frank R. Beede of Antioch.

Joseph D. DeCosta of Orinda declined to vote, on the grounds that he was not present at the public hearing when the matter was taken under advisement May 10.

**YOUNG, IN** moving for denial, said his main reason was that people living in residential zones should be protected against "objectionable" uses.

Later, when it was decided the tie vote was inconclusive, Commissioner Beede moved the permit be granted.

The motion received the same tally, three against three, with DeCosta again declining to vote.

Leibold, in telling The Sun yesterday the case would be appealed, said his group objected to the procedure in Tuesday's commission meeting.

**HE SAID** THE opposition to the pool, in the May hearing, had raised objections based mainly on the alleged traffic safety factor at the intersection of Heather Lane and Glorietta Boulevard.

"Our rebuttal was based on that allegation," he said. "To deny the application on other grounds now is after the fact."

About 100 citizens from the Moraga Meadows-Glorietta Improvement Association areas attended the meeting. According to Principal County Planner H. Russell Griffith, "All of them seemed to be in favor of the pool."

**GRIFFITH ADDED**, "As of Tuesday, the Planning Commission has received letters, telegrams and petitions from 285 persons favoring the pool and 153 against it."

One of the letters came from the Glorietta Improvement Association and was signed by A.P. Winsor, secretary.

## Nursery School Commencement To Be Held

Commencement exercises for the graduating class of the Orinda Nursery School will be held Wednesday at 10 a.m. in Fellowship Hall of the Orinda Community Church.

Friends and relations are invited to be on hand for the presentation of diplomas and picnic lunch following the ceremonies.

Also attending the ceremonies will be two riding horses from the Redwood Riding Stables of Oakland to provide amusement for the graduating "seniors."

Another attraction will be a merry-go-round, courtesy of the Carnation Company. Tuesday-Thursday nursery school "juniors" will have a chance at the merry-go-round on their picnic day Tuesday.

Nursery school mothers helping with arrangements for the graduation day picnic are Mesdames Maurice Bleue, Heber Smith, Harold Neeland, William Weirick, William Leonard and Paul Fanning.

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## Nursery School Elects

New officers to conduct the affairs of the Orinda Nursery School in the coming year were elected at a recent meeting of the association.

They are: Mrs. Walter E. Estes, president; Mrs. Leonard Roth, vice-president; Mrs. Warren Arnett, secretary; Mrs. W. H. Fausst, Monday-Wednesday-Friday treasurer; Mrs. Ned deLaveaga, Tuesday-Thursday treasurer; Mrs. Douglas M. Auel, maintenance; Mrs. Yates Bleuel, purchasing; Mrs. Arthur Sassone, publicity; Mesdames Harry Larsen, Gordon French and John Healy, representatives and Mrs. Robert N. Hart, ex-officio member of the board.

Appointed to head committees were: Mrs. Harold Neeland, Monday-Wednesday-Friday membership; Mrs. Richard Kilner, Tuesday-Thursday membership; Mrs. R. D. McBane and Mrs. H. H. Smith, parent participation; Mrs. W. M. Sawyer, telephone; Dr. Betty Sibary, health; Mrs. J. F. Golden, education; Mrs. Fenn Wilson, dance chairman.

**Meadows Improvers**  
**Name 1955 Officers**

Officers of the Moraga Meadows Improvement Association for 1955 were announced yesterday by President William Cary, who has been re-elected to the post.

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## THE PINE GROVE QUESTION BOX

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Proposed P.I.E. Administrative Office Designed by Cliff May Associates

Mr. Frank Olsen  
Address, Via Farrallon

Q. Will the new P-I-E office increase traffic congestion in Orinda?

A. The maximum in traffic generated by the P-I-E administrative offices will be 100 cars twice daily. This is an infinitesimal proportion of the Freeway traffic and well within the capacity of San Pablo Dam Road. If necessary, P-I-E will stagger working hours to avoid any possible traffic congestion. (Mr. Violich's plan adds several times this number of cars at that point.)

Mrs. Douglas Killingsworth  
Address, Hacienda Circle

Q. Does the new P-I-E building conform to Orinda's "Master Plan"?

A. There has been much misunderstanding on this point. As of this date, there is no "Master Plan" for the Orinda Crossroads area approved by the Contra Costa County Planning Commission. Obviously, if there had been a Master Plan which excluded such construction as we contemplate, P-I-E would not have purchased the Pine Grove property.

Mr. Clint Easterbrook  
Address, California Avenue

Q. Will approval of the P-I-E proposal for the Pine Grove site "open the gates" for similar proposals by many other companies?

A. No. With the approval of a Master Plan it would be impossible. All such plans provide for logical land use, and land use is stabilized with only the central area set aside for non-residential, commercial building. P-I-E concurs. The growth and pattern of Orinda confirms commercial building confined at its center surrounded by residential areas.

Mr. Norman Cunningham  
Address, Overhill Road

Q. Is P-I-E in favor of a house-to-house canvass to allow Orinda residents to vote on the P-I-E building proposed for the Pine Grove site?

A. Yes. A house-to-house canvass would allow the maximum number of residents to vote, the results would be immediately known, it would cost less, and P-I-E will put as many people as necessary at the service of the Orinda Association to make the canvass. On the other hand, a mail ballot would not yield a valid return. Only one member of a residence could vote, many residents would not be able to vote, and voters might overlook return of their ballots.

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## Cummings Denies 'Profit' From Proposed Sewer

H. L. "Jack" Cummings, chairman of the board of supervisors, emphatically denied recently to residents of the San Ramon Valley, that he has profited in any way from the proposed sewer line to be installed in the area.

A panel of residents, representing improvement clubs and homeowners organizations, questioned the supervisor May 25 as to "whether he or anyone connected with him had ever been given money in exchange for favorable consideration of the proposal for the sewer trunk."

CUMMINGS DENIED that he had profited at all from the line and commented, "I have never used my office to gain," pointing out that 23 grand juries during his six terms in office have never found anything wrong with his conduct.

Primary discussion revolved around the sewer line which is to be installed by the Contra Costa Sanitary District to serve the greater San Ramon Valley area, and the cost of which will be borne by a special assessment district.

CUMMINGS AGREED to support formation of a committee, comprising county administrative and planning officials, representatives of San Ramon Valley groups and others, to seek a solution to the problem of providing new schools which would be necessary if the sewer line brings an influx of home building into the area.

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## CC Flood Control Submits \$241,096 Budget to Board

Directors of the Contra Costa Flood Control and Water District have recommended a budget of \$241,096 to the County Board of Supervisors.

Directors, under power delegated by the supervisors, run district affairs, but must give their year's budget to the board for adoption.

THE NEW BUDGET, divided into two major divisions, provides \$102,785 for administration and planning in the county-wide district, and \$131,993 for projects, in flood Zone 3B, comprising the Walnut Creek watershed area.

Anticipated tax rate for the county-wide phase of the budget is 1.8 cents per \$100 assessed valuation, and 16.5 cents per \$100 in flood Zone 3B.

DELAYS IN adopting Zone 3B resulted in some "deficiency financing" to maintain progress of emergency works in the interim, therefore the budget under consideration covers an 18 months period, explained engineer C. C. Rich.

Carryover funds of \$5,000 in Zone 1, the Marsh Creek watershed, and \$1,300 in Zone 2, Kellogg Creek watershed, are included in the budget, but no tax rate in contemplated there since delays in adopting Zone 3B this year.

## Women Planners To Hold Meeting

"Should rural residential areas be opened to controlled manufacturing plants and industrial office buildings?" is the question to be discussed at 10 a.m. Wednesday when the Contra Costa County Women's Planning Council meets.

The council will meet at the home of Mrs. Arthur Wagstaff, Newell Road, Walnut Creek.

The sociological impact of such enterprises on the community and the increased mercantile activity generated will be considered and the resulting increased costs of government will be weighed against tax levies, according to Mrs. Harold Davis, program chairman.

The new Greenwich, Conn., economic survey will be reviewed by Mrs. Hubert Worcester of Kensington. "The study indicates that single family residences produce 66 per cent of the taxes in Greenwich but require only 56 per cent of the cost of government, including schools," Mrs. Worcester said.

"We are interested in this report because it points up the danger of generalizations about taxes in relation to cost of government. The Greenwich statistics are revolutionary," she declared.

## Comedy to Play At Alcazar Stage

"The Fifth Season," comedy about New York's fabulous fashion industry, will be presented for a three-week engagement at Randolph Hale's Alcazar Theater in San Francisco beginning Monday evening, June 13th, coming from its 82-week run at the Cort Theater in New York and 16 weeks in Chicago.

The cast is led by Gene Raymond and Joseph Buloff. Staged by Allen Collins, this comedy by Sylvia Regan details the adventures of a couple of business partners who are in trouble—the basis of hilarious clowning in all good comedies.

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## County Approves Acalanes Fourth High School Site

The Acalanes Union High School District's 40-acre site, in the Burton Station area, selected by the trustees for a fourth high school, was approved Tuesday by the Contra Costa Planning Commission.

Located between Lafayette and Saint Mary's College, the property is owned by the Utah Construction Company.

THERE ARE no immediate plans for building the fourth school said District Superintendent Neil M. Parsons, but trustees said acquisition of the site would guarantee its location prior to development by subdivisions.

Parsons announced the way for obtaining the site was made possible May 20 when voters approved a state loan of up to \$600,000 for acquisition of additional school sites.

PLANS FOR acquiring a fifth site are being considered by the board, he added.

Nearing completion is the district's new Miramonte High School in the Orinda-Moraga area.

## 3 Masonic Lodges To Meet Jointly

San Ramon Valley Lodge 724, Danville, and St. John's Lodge 725, Pleasant Hill, will make their annual Joint Visitation to Acalanes Lodge 723, F&AM, Tuesday night, according to H. T. "Doc" Crandell, secretary of Acalanes Lodge.

The meeting, to be held at 8 p.m. at Veterans Memorial Building, Lafayette, will bring together the three lodges that received their charters on the same night, one of the highlights of Masonic activity in the area a couple of years ago.

David Humphrey, master of the Danville group will head his degree team and officers, while John Kiriuk, master of St. John's Lodge, will lead his group in the joint ceremony. Bayard H. Burnett, master of Acalanes Lodge, will welcome the visitors.

All Master Masons in the area are cordially invited to attend.

## Christian Science

That the real man of God's creation is divinely protected, maintained and sustained will be contained in the Lesson-Sermon entitled "God the Preserver of Man" at services Sunday at Churches of Christ, Scientist, at 42 Orinda Highway, Orinda, and 1347 Locust Street, Walnut Creek.

Keynoting the Lesson-Sermon is the Golden Text from Isaiah (43: 2, 3): "When thou passest through the waters, I will be with thee; and through the rivers, they shall not overflow thee; when thou walkest through the fire, thou shalt not be burned; neither shall the flame kindle upon thee. For I am the Lord thy God, the Holy One of Israel, thy Saviour."

Among the passages to be read from "Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures" by Mary Baker Eddy is the following (151: 23-24): "The divine Mind that made man maintains His own image and likeness."

The Scriptural selections will include the following from Psalms (40:11): "Withhold not thou thy tender mercies from me, O Lord; let thy lovingkindness and thy truth continually preserve me."

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## Women Voters Recognized by National League

Mrs. Paul Craven, 445 Lakewood Road, Walnut Creek, president of the local League of Women Voters, has just been informed that the Walnut Creek branch has been granted recognition by League of Women Voters of the United States, and has moved from the classification of a provisional league to that of a full-fledged league.

The letter of recognition, which was written by the national president, Mrs. Percy Maxim Lee, congratulates the local league upon its accomplishments since it was formed just a little over a year ago. Mrs. Lee particularly stressed the satisfaction of the national board with the good membership growth during the provisional period.

Recognition of the league means that now it will assume its place with other leagues throughout the country in taking responsibility for furthering the work of the League of Women Voters through local, state and national programs.

At the recent convention of the State League in Sacramento, the numerous leagues of California voted to study the financial and administrative structure of public education in California. The local league will participate in this study and will also be expected to participate in the legislative action of both State and National Leagues.

In addition, the local league has itself adopted a current agenda item which it will study during the coming year, including a survey of local county government. This survey will be under the chairmanship of Mrs. John Selley, 2214 San Miguel Drive.

## Art Center Has Double Feature For Exhibit

A double feature heads the June exhibit of Valley Art Center, 3420 Mt. Diablo Boulevard, Lafayette.

A preview showing was held last night.

On the walls of the center are oil paintings and washes by Irene Lagorio, Oakland artist, whose work has been exhibited frequently in the Bay Area.

Sharing interest is a four-room redwood model home designed and constructed by the Diablo Weavers to display their handwork in its application to the home.

Mrs. Sheldon Pfeiffer, Walnut Creek, is president of the weavers' group.

The exhibit was arranged by Mrs. Donald James, with the assistance of Mrs. Emil Daniels, Walnut Creek, and Mrs. Stanley Goodman and Mrs. Donald Holmes of Lafayette.

The exhibit will be on display until July 14 during the regular hours of the Valley Art Center, Tuesdays through Saturdays, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Items from the weavers' looms will be on sale along with paintings, jewelry, ceramics and other work of Diablo Valley artists.

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## Strike Threatened by Auto Mechanics Dealers 7 Cent Raise Refused by Auto Mechanics

Automobile mechanics in southern and eastern Contra Costa County refused a 7 cents an hour increase in wages last Friday by the Eastern Contra Costa Automotive Dealers Association, it was announced yesterday by the Dealer's President, Irving Lehmer.

400 local automobile mechanics of Mechanics Lodge 1173, requesting a 15 cents an hour increase in wages, are threatening to strike (see separate story).

MACHINISTS representative Felix Drummond said the requested raise would give automobile mechanics in this jurisdiction 40 cents a day less than is received by those in Western Contra Costa and the East Bay.

"They're always harping on the fact that our rates are not equal to those in Oakland," Lehmer said. "They don't take into consideration the volume of business and large clientele in the East Bay. Consequently the dealer can afford to pay higher prices," he added.

The union contract which was to have expired June 1 was extended to July 1. Lehmer did not know whether the union could or would "pull a strike before the contract expires."

Chairman of the labor negotiating committee for the automotive dealers, Bill Shepherd, did not feel it was to the good of all concerned to air the impasse in public at this time.

## Sheriff's Report Shows Changes in Dept. Organization

Sheriff Harry A. Brown announced this week in the first of a series of newsletters that \$2612.70 has been returned to the county for civil mileage fees since he took office.

In addition during the past five months, reassignments have added four deputies to the patrol division and substations have been opened in Oakley and Walnut Creek.

With the assistance of the district attorney two new ordinances covering prostitution and intoxication have been enacted and a county curfew law, to go in effect June 24, was passed by the board of supervisors.

THE LATTER LAW requires any minor under the age of 18 to be accompanied by a parent or legal guardian if he is in a public place after 10 a.m. on weeknights and midnight on Saturday or Sunday.

Fees received from the state for transporting prisoners or patients to state institutions are now being deposited for the first time in the county general fund. Excluding matron and ambulance fees, the county received \$858.91 for the past five months for this service.

In addition, Sheriff Brown has instituted a hog-raising program at the county branch jail, for which 22 pigs were purchased in February. The animals were fed at no cost to the county on several tons of condemned food.

Marketable animals were sold in April with a net profit of \$14.10 per hog, the proceeds of which went into the county general fund.

IN OTHER ORGANIZATIONAL moves, new positions have been established at the sheriff's request and by action of the board of supervisors.

A patrol boat has been leased to provide a water-borne arm of the department to patrol the slough areas along the county shore-line.

Typical of operations of the substations is that of the Walnut Creek sub-station for the month of May when 230 complaints were investigated, 194 jury summons served and 1618 man hours of patrol logged.

This compares with 1881 man-hours of patrol from the Richmond division; 2184 from Martinez and 1600 from Oakley.

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## Camera Fans Tell Of Competition

The Contra Costa Camera Club recently heard William C. High, director of photography at the Oakland Junior College, discuss constructive suggestions on black-and-white print photography.

Ben Randall of Orinda placed first and third in the salon group competition while Challis Gore, also of Orinda, placed second, fourth and fifth.

IN THE ADVANCED group first place went to John Ammann of Walnut Creek; second and third to Roger Black of Walnut Creek; fourth to Boardman Moore of Lafayette and fifth to C. P. McVicker of Orinda.

Moore and Nils Wahlberg of Walnut Creek were advanced to the salon group.

May 15 the club held its annual barbecue at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Smith of Lafayette. It was preceded by a "Treasure Hunt" field trip and in the evening the club was entertained by member Ed Nelson who showed his color slides.

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## Baccalaureate Sunday for Don Grads

Graduation activities for the Acalanes High School class of 1955 began Sunday, 6 p.m., with baccalaureate exercises in the Acalanes gym.

The baccalaureate program will include:

Invocation by the Rev. W. Carl Thomas, Lafayette-Orinda Presbyterian Church; "Cherubic Hymn," Acalanes High School Mixed Chorus, Richard Hansen directing; baccalaureate address, the Rev. Edward R. Andersen, Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church of Orinda; "God's Son Has Made Me Free," sung by the Acalanes Mixed Chorus; congregation hymn, "Faith of Our Fathers," led by Richard Hansen; benediction by the Rev. Chester Lewis, Lafayette Community Methodist Church; and Recessional played by Pat Monosmith.

**THE DON GRADUATING** class will hold commencement exercises

on the Acalanes Field at 2:30 p.m. Sunday, June 19.

Invocation will be given by Bishop Joseph Hilton, Pleasant Hills Ward Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints.

Senior speakers will include addresses by William Rupley, president of the class of '55, and valedictorians Joan Hogue and John Bohn.

**OTHER PARTICIPANTS** in the program include William Freeman, district trustee, who will present diplomas; Neil M. Parsons, high school district superintendent; Stanley Walgren, Acalanes principal; Father Thomas Collins of St. Perpetua's Catholic Church of Lafayette; and the Acalanes band and A Cappella choir directed by Richard Hansen.

Admission to the baccalaureate is open to the general public; admission to graduation exercises is limited to ticket holders.

## Go to Church Sunday

### Lutheran

The Rev. Henry Hetland, western regional director of the Lutheran Student Association, will be guest speaker Sunday at Our Savior's Lutheran Church, 1035 Carol Lane.

He will speak at both the 9:30 and 11 a.m. services.

Sunday School meets at 9:30 a.m. for grades four through high school and at 11 a.m. for pre-school through third grade.

The Women's Missionary Federation will hold its monthly meeting at 8 p.m. Tuesday at the church. Women's Bible Class, studying the Gospel of Luke, meets with Pastor Merle Tollefson at 10 a.m. Thursday.

The youth choir will hold its final rehearsal before vacation at 7 p.m. Thursday and at 8 p.m. the senior choir will practice.

Registrations are now being made for Mt. Cross, Lutheran Bible Camp in the Santa Cruz mountains for children from the fifth grade through high school. Information may be obtained by calling AT 3-3722.

### Community

The Rev. Chester R. Lewis will preach at both the 9:30 and 11 a.m. services Sunday at the Lafayette Community Methodist Church on Moraga Road. Mr. Lewis will give the second of a series of sermons titled "The Strangely Warmed Heart."

Sunday will be "Choir Recognition Sunday" in appreciation of the time given by the choir members to provide musical background for the Sunday morning services.

Special music by the choir includes "He, Watching Over Israel" from "Elijah" by Mendelssohn, "God Is a Spirit" by Kopylov and "Ho, Every One That Thirsteth" by MacFarlane, with Sam Costello as tenor soloist.

George Shoptaugh is director of the choir and Mrs. Shoptaugh is the organist.

Sunday school is at 9:30 a.m., and the Youth Groups will meet at 7 p.m. Sunday.

The Commission on Missions will meet at 8 p.m. Monday.

### Presbyterian

"Preparation for a King," first in a series from the Book of Luke, will be the subject of the sermon by Rev. W. Carl Thomas, pastor of the Lafayette-Orinda Presbyterian Church, Sunday at 11 a.m. at the Park Theater, Lafayette.

There is a nursery provided at this time at Lafayette Town Hall.

Sunday School classes are held at 9:40 a.m. at Town Hall for 2-year-olds and older, and at the theater for adults at 9:45 a.m.

Circle 5 of the Women's Association will meet Tuesday, 12:30 p.m., at the home of Mrs. Arden Batchelder, 3666 Happy Valley Road, Lafayette.

The Thursday Breakfast Club, which meets weekly on Thursday at 6:45 at Pland's, Broadway and MacArthur, Oakland, is beginning a new study on the Book of James.

There will be a reception for new members this Sunday evening at the manse, 10 Oak Drive, Orinda, at 8 o'clock.

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### Community

Dr. Gene Carter, associate professor of Town and Country Church at the Pacific School of Religion, will fill the pulpit as guest minister at the Orinda Community Church Sunday.

He will speak on the subject "Thou Shalt Love Thyself" at the 11 a.m. service.

**THE CHAPEL CHOIR** under the direction of Margaret Popovich will sing the anthem "By Thee with Bliss" from "The Creation," by Haydn, with a duet by Marian Brown, soprano, and James Hupp, baritone.

Daniel Popovich will be at the memorial organ.

Youth Sunday will be observed at 9:30 a.m. The youth day program will enlist the attendance of all parents of the Sunday School.

Held outdoors on the chapel lawn and portico, all departments will participate in a presentation entitled "Jesus Shall Reign Where're the Sun," which features the story of benevolences of the church throughout the world.

**THE JUNIOR CHOIR** will sing and attendance pins will be presented. Diplomas will be given those pupils graduating to higher departments.

Everett D. Howe is superintendent of the Sunday School.

The Junior High Pilgrim Fellowship will meet at 5:30 p.m.

There will be no regular meeting of the Senior High Pilgrim Fellowship Sunday.

The unified summer service, in coordination with a special summer Sunday School directed by Jack Biersdorf and Elizabeth Laurenson, begins at 10:30 a.m. June 19.

### Mormon

The Orinda Branch of the Mormon Church will hold a special testimonial meeting in the chapel of Orinda Community Church at 8 p.m. Thursday honoring Mr. and Mrs. Robert Williams who will leave June 21 to do missionary work in Great Britain.

An interesting program has been arranged, to be followed by refreshments in Fellowship Hall.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Williams have been enthusiastic workers in the activities of the Orinda Branch of the Mormon Church.

The couple's many friends in the area are invited to join with the Branch membership in the testimonial.

Mrs. Altha McManus, president of the Children's Primary Association, announces that as in previous years, the summer schedule, running concurrently with school vacation, will be held in the mornings instead of Thursday at 4 p.m. and will be held in the homes and patios of officers and teachers, the exact time to be announced later.

Parents are invited to bring their children or to notify Mrs. McManus if transportation is needed.

Parents of primary age children, 4 to 12, may enroll their children for this activity.

### Lutheran

The Rev. E. R. Andersen of Lutheran Welfare Society, Milwaukee, Wis., former pastor of the Emmaus Lutheran Church in Racine, Wis., for 27 years, and father of Mr. Edward R. Andersen, pastor of the Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church, will speak at both the 8 and 11 o'clock services here on the theme, "The Love of God."

Mr. Andersen is here for a visit with his family on his way to attend the convention of the United Evangelical Church being held at Lynwood, Calif. from June 21 through 26.

Mr. Andersen is the father of six boys, with three of them in the active ministry of the Lutheran Church.

The Sunday School, which includes an adult class for parents and friends, will meet from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m.

## Old, New Boards Of Don Parents Hold Joint Meet

Under the leadership of Victor Johnson, the outgoing executive board of the Acalanes Parents Club held its last meeting Tuesday evening, jointly with the incoming board.

Mrs. John Rinne, last year's vice-president and program chairman, takes over the president's duties.

The retiring board members are: Mrs. Alan Waddell, recording secretary; Doug Robertson, treasurer; Mrs. M. M. Mallock, corresponding secretary; Marshall Shapiro, auditor; Mrs. Don Krotz, parliamentarian; Frank L. Dees, membership chairman; Mrs. R. L. Bridges, hospitality; Mrs. Fred Seuberger, reception; Mrs. Joseph Downs, publicity; Mrs. Walter Weidlein, ways and means; G. Albert Wahl, community and child welfare; Neil Parsons and Stanley Walgren, school representatives.

**THE OFFICERS** for next year, in addition to Mrs. Rinne, are:

Frank L. Dees, vice-president; Mrs. T. M. Harter, recording secretary; H. Hartnough, treasurer; Mrs. Milton Adair, corresponding secretary; Lowell Arbogast, auditor; Victor Johnson, parliamentarian; Marshall Shapiro, membership; Mrs. Doris Ertler, hospitality; Mrs. Burwell Spurlock, reception; Mrs. J. W. Rupley, publicity; Mrs. Linwood Clark, ways and means; Thomas Mika, community and child welfare.

School representatives remain the same.

## Memorial Altar To Be Dedicated

In memory of six-year-old Peter Buchter, a dedicatory service will be conducted on the new kindergarten altar by the Rev. Charles M. Hill, vicar of St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, tomorrow at 12 noon in the undercroft of the Anglican mission on Via Las Cruces in Orinda.

Purchased by donors of the memorial fund for young Peter, killed in an auto accident last year, the altar was designed by the lady's father, architect Jack Buchter, and was presented to the church for use in the devotional services of the kindergarten church school group.

Following the brief rite, all members of St. Stephen's Sunday School will adjourn to the picnic area below the church for their annual outdoor lunch-and-games gathering.

There will be games and prizes for all ages, according to Mrs. Yates Bleuel, superintendent of the church school. All recreation will be under the supervision of Bill Platt and Ralph Hill.

Mrs. Bleuel has asked that the time change be noted, 12 until 3, in place of 3 until 6, as previously announced.

All those planning to attend should bring their own lunches, including milk and soft drinks, according to Mrs. Bleuel.

## Bible School to Start At Covenant Church

Daily Vacation Bible School at the Lafayette Covenant Church will start June 20 and continue weekday mornings through June 30. The activities will begin at 9:30 a.m. and close at 12 noon.

The theme, "Sailing with Christ," will be used in study and craft periods. Children of the community 4-years-old and of elementary school age are invited.

A group from the church will conduct the service tonight at the Open Door Mission in Oakland.

"The Three Fold Witness" will be the sermon topic of the Rev. G. Raymond White, Sunday morning at 11. "Surveying the Scriptures: Genesis" will be continued at the 7 p.m. worship and song service. The youth group will meet at 6 p.m., and Bible school at 9:45 a.m.

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### Episcopal

Special awards for outstanding achievement or behavior will be presented by staff members of St. Stephen's Church school, on Sunday at the 9:30 family service in the main body of the church on Via Las Cruces in the Charles Hill area of Orinda.

Basis for the awards have been left to the discretion of each Sunday school teacher, some instructors basing their particular notices on attendance, others on study accomplishment or deportment.

All friends and relatives of church school members are invited to attend.

### St. Paul's

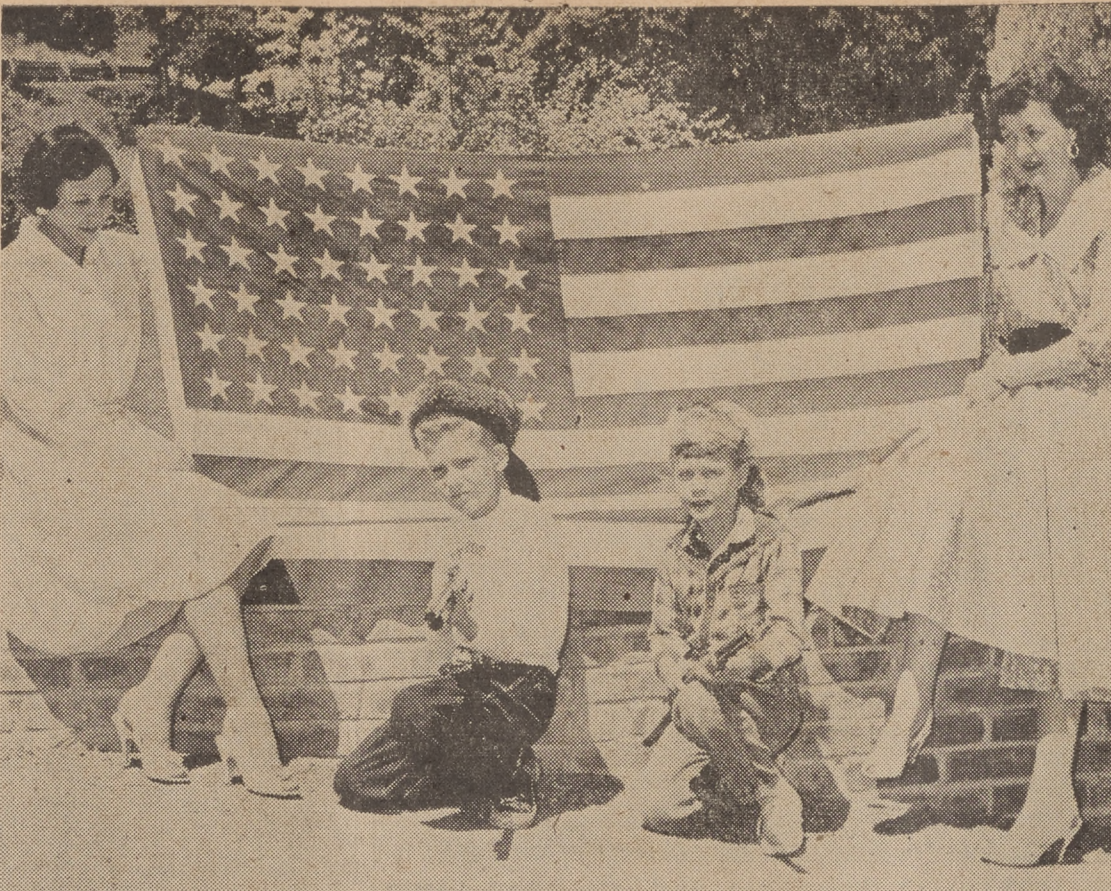
"The God of Strength" will be the sermon topic at Sunday services of St. Paul's Episcopal Church of Walnut Creek.

Services on this, the first Sunday after Trinity, will be at 7:30 a.m. (Holy Communion), at 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. (morning prayer and church school).

## Robert Larsen Jr. Gets College Degree

Robert Gordon Larsen Jr. of Lafayette received his bachelor degree from Brigham Young University in commencement exercises last Friday in Provo, Utah.

It was the university's 80th annual commencement.



**IN CELEBRATION OF FLAG DAY**, which occurs next Tuesday, the Lafayette and Orinda Republican Women's Clubs are joining in a statewide project of the Federation of Republican Women's Clubs, for "an American flag in every home," offering 3-by-5-foot flags to residents for \$3.75. Left to right are Mrs. Mel Nielsen, president of the Lafayette club, Robin Wood and Karen Bentley with air rifles and Davy Crockett caps, and Mrs. Charles L. Sinito of the Orinda club.

—Sun Photo by Mattson

## Acalanes to Hold Adult Classes

The Acalanes Adult Center announces the following summer session schedule:

Art, ceramics, orchestra and sewing classes will be held on Tuesday evenings, at the school, starting July 5.

**SWIMMING** and water safety classes will be held in the Las Lomas pool, Tuesday and Thursday evenings, starting June 21.

Physical fitness for women on Wednesday evenings will take place in the Las Lomas gym, starting June 22.

Upholstery, Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings, Monday, Wednesday and Friday evenings, Las Lomas, starting July 6.

**FOLK DANCING**, a dance class, Thursday evenings, Acalanes, starting June 16, is a tuition class which is supported entirely by the participants. The cost of the class is divided equally among those people taking part in this program.

Copies of this schedule with specific room numbers and class time may be had by calling AT 3-6262 or by dropping by the Adult Center office at Acalanes High School.

### Covenant

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### Catholic

On the second Sunday after Pentecost, masses at St. Perpetua's Catholic Church, Hamlin Road, Lafayette, will be at 7, 8:30 and 10:30 a.m. and 12:15 p.m.

The second Sunday of the month is communion Sunday for mothers and daughters at the 8:30 mass.

Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament will follow immediately after the 10:30 mass. Daily mass will be at 8 a.m.

On Tuesday evening Lafayette Council Knights of Columbus will take 15 candidates for membership to San Leandro Council for initiation ceremonies.

The group will leave from the church grounds at 7 p.m.

### LOCAL SPEAKS

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### Nurserymen Conclave

Jack F. Schneider of Lafayette spoke on "Are You Making a Profit?" Wednesday at the seventh annual refresher course sessions of state nurserymen at California State Polytechnic College in San Luis Obispo.

On the refresher course committee is Stewart Wade, also of Lafayette.

## Friendly Farms & Orchard

By PERSIS K. REED, AT 3-2405

### BEAUTIFUL WEEKEND

A beautiful three day weekend, and the lure of surf and mountain stream becomes mighty strong.

Among those who answered the siren call Memorial Day weekend were Norma and Merv Ortiz and Eleanor and Paul Haller of Walnut Drive, who went up to the Hallers' summer home in El Dorado County. Besides sunning, swimming and barbecuing, they reported the fishing wonderful.

Everett Horton of Anita Court went all the way to Washington and the Lewis River for the trout fishing. He also had good luck.

Bob and Thelma Hambrick of Janet Lane went camping at Shavert Lake near Fresno and although the only fish were two dinky things that the girls, Denise and Sharon, caught, they had a wonderful time.

Ron and Darlene Barron, with their daughter, and Ava and Victor Gattgens, with their three daughters, went to Tahoe Meadows for the three days. They said the weather was wonderful but didn't mention anything about fish.

### BERRY FARM JAUNT

Mr. and Mrs. R. V. Wing, with their son, Richard, and Mrs. Wing's mother, Mrs. Frances Oliveira, all of Almanor Lane, along with a cousin, Mrs. Belle Tharp, took a leisurely trip to Knott's Berry Farm in Buena Park, Calif.

They drove halfway Friday, arrived at the Berry Farm Saturday afternoon, and also spent part of Sunday there, drove to Santa Maria Sunday night, and home easily by Monday afternoon.

Bernice said they had lots of time to see everything, ride the train and the stagecoaches, see the exhibits and enjoy the marvelous dinners.

Gerda and Rick Richardson of Janet Lane also spent part of their vacation at Knott's Berry Farm.

## Canyon Picnic Enjoyed by 200

Some 200 picnickers — Canyon residents, friends and former residents — gathered at Canyon School grounds Sunday for the annual school and community picnic.

It was a semi-potluck affair, sponsored by the Canyon Community Club, which provided the hot dogs, drinks and ice cream. On the committee were Mesdames Ritchie Waldrep, chairman, Paul Foster, Robert O'Neil, Eddie Logsdon, George Chessum, Roy Wells and Pearl Goss.

After lunch, while many preferred to relax or to renew acquaintances with former neighbors, the more energetic (including most of the children) repaired to the two playgrounds for games.

While a hotly contested volleyball game was going on in the coolness of the Tintown Grove playground, a hotter baseball game was being played in the no-so-cool baseball diamond of the main playground.

During the afternoon short church services were conducted in the grove by Ed Allen, who is a senior student at a Berkeley divinity school and also a release-time instructor in religious training for Canyon school children.

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## Sixth Graders Put on 'TV Program'

A special "T.V. program" broadcast from "Station KZZT, Channel 6," representing the sixth grade of Lafayette School will be enjoyed today by the student body of the school.

The program, the cast of which includes all members of Ann Miller's class, was written and planned by the children of this sixth grade as a culmination project for their year's work in language, art, music and social studies, under the direction of their classroom teacher.

The imitation broadcast, divided

## YPFers Elect New Officers

Closing the semester's activities at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, members of the Young People's Fellowship elected new officers and honored the new high school freshmen, at their last meeting Sunday evening.

President for the school year starting next fall will be Larry Pilcher; vice-president, David Oakley; social secretary, Georgianna Watkins; recording secretary, Sue Murray; treasurer, Judy Hill.

Approximately 15 freshmen were feted at the closing business and social session of the Young People's Fellowship in anticipation of the membership rise to occur after the vacation months.

## Piano Students Give Recital

Piano students of Mrs. Robert Martin entertained their parents at a recital last Friday evening at the home of Mrs. Martin, 727 Glenside Drive.

Those students participating were Barbara Altmann, Kay Benhoff, Marsha Bratten, Barry Breckling, Susanne Breckling, Marilyn Burton, Judy Ann Colvin, Paula Colvin, Jennifer Dalsey, Barbara Darmsted, Kathleen Dorsey, Jo Ann English, Curt Follmer, Sharon Follmer, Susan Ingram, Karen Johnson, William Lee, Eileen Martin, Lois Martin, Robert Newey and Barbara, Alice, Nancy and Pat Nimmo.

Speaking of Richfield reminds me of the wonderful weekend Dorothy and Frank Lord of Janet Lane had at Santa Maria, where they went through the Union Oil research building. They stayed at a new motel complete with swimming pool, and between cocktail parties and a tremendous barbecue given by Union Oil Co., the whole thing was a dream weekend.

Our ex-columnists, Claire Jeffrey and Bobbie Jones, are leaving town with a bang.

On June 2 Bobbie gave a luncheon in honor of the new occupant of 980 Janet Lane, Margaret Mason. Those who attended to meet their new neighbor were Jean Crawford, Dorothy Misiagna, Jean McLennan, Marilyn Freeman and Jean Bondurant.

While she was in the party mood, she had a Saturday night deal for her house guests, Bob and Naomi Schmidt of Los Angeles.

Jean and Ken Crawford and Claire and Bob Jeffrey were among those who enjoyed themselves.

Claire and Bob Jeffrey, who left Monday to live in Salt Lake City, tried to fit in as many festivities as possible before going.

They went to see "Kiss Me Kate" with Lynn and Roy Patterson. On Friday night, they had Mr. and Mrs. John McKirahan of Willow Drive, Mr. and Mrs. Emory Anderson, the new owners of 3392 Orchard Valley Lane, Sheriff Harry and Dolly Brown, Mrs. Gertrude Walker and Ed Rowland for a leave-taking cocktail.

Later, the Browns, Mrs. Walker and Rowland, along with the Jeffreys, went to the Tunnel Inn for dinner.

Claire would love to hear from you at 1207 Kensington, Salt Lake City, Utah.

Janice Repetto of Janet Lane and Tina Horton of Anita Court made their debuts as 5-year old ballerinas at the Patricia Dance School last Sunday.

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## Many Cocktail Gatherings To Precede 'Pink Party'

A flurry of cocktail parties will be held in the Orinda-Lafayette-Walnut Creek area tomorrow evening as members of Poplar Branch, Children's Hospital of the East Bay, gather their guests for "Poplar's Pink Party" to follow at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Venti, 1056 Hacienda Drive, Walnut Creek.

Prior to the dinner dance to benefit the hospital, Mr. and Mrs. John J. Reilly Jr. of Orinda will entertain at their home their guests, Messrs. and Mesdames Coleman Huntley, Charles Coburn, Dan Carter, Al Wolff, William Gilmore, Harold Ohliver, George Merriam, W. Van Daff, Dwight Skaggs, Bill Baird and Joseph Downs.

## Lombardy Branch Party on June 18

Saturday, June 18, is the date set for the annual cocktail party given by Lombardy Branch, Children's Hospital of the East Bay.

The location this year will be the lovely home and gardens of the William Witters, 138 Lombardy Lane, Orinda. Chairman of the party is Mrs. Lawrence Collins, who is assisted by Mesdames George Merriam, Miles Suttiff, W. C. Young and Rudy Rasmussen.

Members and their husbands will be on hand to greet their guests between 4 and 7 p.m.

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## Towhee Unit Fetes Members At Tea

A beautifully appointed tea of the early summer season was given Tuesday by members of Towhee Unit of Mt. Diablo Therapy Center at the home of Mrs. John Aathan, 1030 Pine Lane, Lafayette. Honored guests were new associate members of the group.

A color scheme of yellow and white was used in the decorations. The tea table, which was set in the garden, was covered with a yellow cloth and centered with an old fashioned arrangement of yellow roses, buds with white snapdragons and stock.

**PRESIDING WERE** Mrs. Frank Bertagnoli and Mrs. Alan Scott. Those who served were Mrs. Samuel Bradbard, in charge of arrangements, and Mesdames William Pheasant Jr., Charles L. Rodier, John Gallahue, M. V. Walberg, David Purrington and Lawrence Dodge. During the afternoon Mrs. J. M. Benoy, an honorary associate member, spoke to the group about the work done at the Center, and gave a brief outline of its history. Mrs. Philip Knox Jr. told about the annual Christmas Tea, which is the main event given by Towhee members during the year, and Mrs. B. B. Wilder spoke about the bazaar which accompanies the tea. Bazaar items were displayed.

## Pat Tunnickliff Betrothed

Of interest to friends here is the announcement of the engagement of Patricia Tunnickliff to Milton Van Slyke of Caldwell, Idaho.

Pat first announced the news to friends at dinner in Simplot Hall, women's dwelling on the College of Idaho campus, and later to relatives in Caldwell.

She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Tunnickliff of Las Vegas, Road in Orinda and has one sister, Donna.

Pat was a 1954 graduate of Acalanes where she was a member of the Daphne Branch of Children's Hospital.

## Jewish Women to Install

Installation of officers of the League of Jewish Women will take place Wednesday following a noon luncheon at the Contra Costa Jewish Community Center building in Lafayette.

Rabbi John Zucker of San Leandro will officiate at the ceremonies. Officers to be installed are:

Mrs. Harold Bloom, Lafayette, president; Mrs. William Stomack, Pleasant Hill, vice-president; Mrs. Norman Danieko, Walnut Creek, recording secretary; Mrs. Harry Freeman, Walnut Creek, corresponding secretary; Mrs. Al Pettler, Orinda, treasurer; Mrs. Arthur Schlarlach, Walnut Creek, historian.

## Mrs. Barden Is Orioles Prexy

Mrs. L. S. Barden is the new president of the Orioles, auxiliary unit of the Mt. Diablo Therapy Center.

Other officers elected recently include Mrs. W. H. Lloyd, first vice-president; Mrs. E. C. McLaren, second vice-president; Mrs. M. W. Hardy, recording secretary; Mrs. R. W. Case, corresponding secretary; Mrs. A. H. Thompson, treasurer, and Mrs. E. C. Berry, assistant treasurer.

The Orioles held the last monthly card luncheon party Wednesday and are winding up business until September.

## Bettis-deLanoux Rites Held

The lovely wedding of Valerie de Lanoux, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. H. de Lanoux of 1872 San Miguel Drive, Walnut Creek, to Thomas William Bettis of Chicago, Illinois, took place last Saturday at the Saint Thomas Aquinas Chapel, West Lafayette, Indiana.

The Very Reverend Thomas Heilmann officiated.

**TOM AND VAL**, both recognized figures in the sports world, graduated from Purdue University the following day.

Tom received his commission as Second Lieutenant in the U.S. Army and, having majored in physical education, graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree.

**VALERIE ALSO** received a Bachelor of Science degree; she graduated with distinction.

After Saturday's wedding a gala reception was held for the newlyweds at SPHI Epsilon house at Purdue.

**THE BRIDE'S** attendants were Maid of Honor Miss Nancy Ann Brown of South Bend, Indiana; bridesmaids, Misses May Jewel Gong, Miami and Lynn Pulsifer, Rochester, N.Y.; all Delta Gamma Sorority sisters of Valerie's.

Miss Kathleen Bettis, a sister of the groom, was the flower girl.

Glen J. Knecht of Cleves, Ohio, was the best man. He is Tom's Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity brother.

**VALERIE'S BROTHER**, Brooks de Lanoux, and Harvey F. Bettis, Tom's brother, were ushers. Lieutenant and Mrs. Bettis are



**LAFAYETTE JUNIOR WOMAN'S CLUB** installed new officers at a dinner-dance ceremony last Saturday night at the Danville Hotel. New officers, shown at the ceremony, left to right, include Mrs. Joel Kitchens, president; Mrs. Richard Burnside, vice-president; Mrs. Walter Kenzler, recording secretary, and Mrs. Joseph P. Van Overveen, treasurer. Not in the picture is the other elective officer, Mrs. Orville Jones, auditor.

## Lafayette Jrs. Install Leaders, Dine and Dance

New officers of the Lafayette Junior Woman's Club were formally installed Saturday evening preceding a dinner-dance at the Danville Hotel.

Mrs. Clem Ellerson, adviser to the Lafayette Juniors for the coming year, performed the ceremony of installing the officers—Mrs. Joel Kitchens, president; Mrs. Richard Burnside, vice-president; Mrs. Walter Kenzler, recording secretary; Mrs. Vernon Adams, corresponding secretary; Mrs. Joseph P. Van Overveen, treasurer; Mrs. Orville W. Jones, auditor, and Mrs. Ralph D. Young, parliamentarian.

Mrs. William O. Vickroy was honored as the retiring adviser, having served the club since its organization in May, 1953.

After the installation the men joined their wives for dinner and dancing.

Mrs. Van Overveen was in charge of the affair and was assisted by Mrs. Edward W. Firby, gift and amenities chairman.

The Lafayette Juniors are honored of installing the selection of Mrs. Edward C. Allen as state historian of the California Federation of Junior Women's Clubs.

Mrs. Allen is also serving the Lafayette Juniors as Build a Better Community chairman.

Mrs. J. Elliott Dunn was selected as Alameda District Build a Better Community chairman.

## Audubon Society to Enjoy Field Trip

The next field trip of the Mt. Diablo Audubon Society will be held Sunday.

The trip, with Mr. and Mrs. Cooperrider as leaders, is planned for Golden Gate Park and further information can be had by calling YE



**FANTASIONIA**, junior chapter of the Children's Home Society, gave a tea Sunday for all the girls in the Acalanes High School graduating class, at the home of Lynne Teasdel, president of Fantasionians, 13 Virginia Drive, Orinda. Lynne (at right) presented Mrs. Charles Biesel (left) of Pandora Chapter with a bracelet, in appreciation of Mrs. Biesel's help to Fantasionians during the past year. Looking on is Phyllis White, treasurer of Fantasionians Mrs. Biesel, council representative for the Children's Home Society, acts as sponsor for Fantasia Chapter.

## Mrs. Hannesson Fantasians Hold Weds Allen Gould Year's Last Tea

Saturday, June 4, was the day chosen for the wedding of Mrs. Hazel Hannesson of Grayson Drive, Pleasant Hill, to Allen Gould, of San Carlos Avenue, Albany. The quiet wedding took place at the home of Rev. S. O. Thorlakson of San Francisco. The new Mrs. Gould chose to be married in a navy blue suit and had white accessories and wore flowers.

Standing up with the bride and groom were the new Mrs. Gould's daughter and Mr. Gould's son, Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Gould of Martinez. After the single ring ceremony the bride and groom left on their honeymoon for a week stay at Lake Tahoe. Upon their return they will make their home in Pleasant Hill.

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By THE GARDENER  
WHEN THE WARM summer months arrive there is nothing so refreshing to the eye and so favored by the lovely colors of flowering vines and the cool shade they afford.

Vines can be used in all sorts of planting devices. So while you're planning for vines to add color to a scene, plan for them to add shade and interesting patterns, also, as windbreaks, to carry on an architectural line of the building, to dim the sun's rays.

THE TYPES of vines available can be classified in one way by their habit of climbing. Some twine (morning glory, wisteria), others grasp with tendrils (clematis, gourds), cling, weave, scramble, lean or grow with root-bearing stems.

In selecting a planting site for vines, be sure to provide adequate root space and good drainage.

And remember that food is as important for a vine as for any other type of plant.

Also, avoid crowding your vines. Vines planted away from their "fellows" and walls and foundations will be healthier because of air circulation and will be easier to trim and keep neat.

SOME EXCELLENT selections for California vine planting include the star jasmine and the giant Burmese honeysuckle.

The star jasmine (trachelospermum jasminoides) is a dainty-looking vine with small leaves and tiny star-like blossoms.

A "filter" vine, its loose bush structure allows light to come through, resulting in a cloud-like effect that is good for softening harsh posts, fences or corners. An added feature of the jasmine is its lovely fragrance.

THE GIANT BURMESE honeysuckle (Lonicera hildebrandiana) is a fine selection for espaliering.

Its blossoms are tubular, opening a creamy white and turning yellow and then dull orange during the summer months.

A very fragrant vine, it grows in a twining manner with rope-like stems that add line interest during the winter when the dark, glossy-green leaves have fallen.

SILVER LACE vine (Polygonum aubertii) features a crinkly-edged leaves which when new are a bronzy-red.

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The dinner-gathering is for chapter members and their husbands. It is the final meeting before summer vacation.

The DAR chapter will meet again in September, with Mrs. A. L. Ammen as incoming regent. Mrs. Lyon is outgoing regent.

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Fred R. Abbott of Brentwood, chairman of the District board of Trustees, will present the diplomas.

A reception for graduates and their guests will be held in Building 12 after the ceremony.

The Class of 1955 is not only the largest to date—40 more than last year—but it includes a higher percentage of part-time students who have earned their degree while working or running households. They and the other graduates will be introduced by College Director Leland L. Medsker.

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## About Our Happy Country Folks

By EDITH BOLMAN

### Can't tell your relatives without a program

It just goes to prove we can't get away with a thing. Last week The Sun had been in the mail boxes a good 10 minutes when we sailed into the local food emporium — big as life and twice as sassy.

"You-hoo, Newsy — you made a mistake in your column," greeted us first thing. "The person referred to as your second cousin — isn't."

We clenched our dukes ready to straighten her out on whose uncle belonged to whom when our censor eyed us knowingly and said "He is your first cousin once removed!" Obviously, we were in over our head so we clammed — however we were reminded of another little involvement you might try to figure out.

We own a pair of pewter containers of considerable beauty and practicability. When asked where they had come from we explained they had belonged to a friend's father's older brother's second wife's first husband — and given to us for what reason we can't quite remember.

Then there is the one about our adorable "Aunt" who is our grandmother's second cousin — now just how removed from us she is we wouldn't care to mention — well, enough of this silly business — pretty soon we will figure out that we are our own grandpaw and them somebody else will have to cook dinner for the family for a change.

If you lived on the outskirts last week and saw one very tall medium blond gentleman and one medium tall blond gentleman with a crew cut, followed by 20 young ladies, you might have wondered who was tracking and stalking what. Messieurs Rudy Grah and Robert Spott were giving Troop 86 its Tracking and Stalking lessons for First Class Scout Requirement. And they must have negotiated the requirement with expedition and dispatch because, we hear tell, they ended up shortly thereafter with hamburgers and a baseball game.

On kitchen duty were Mesdames Robert Spott and Eugene Shurtleff. If you see these heretofore reasonable ladies coursing through the Village looking for elk tracks or listening for the patter of little squirrel feet, treat them kindly because it is our understanding that scout leaders always recover.

Seventh and eighth grade dance awhile back and one of the chaperones — a seventh grade father, was asked to dance by three young ladies — daughter's contemporaries — he has been a bit difficult to get along with ever since — any suggestions on how to bring him back to earth?

### Some news about the young in summer

And inasmuch as this is the beginning of summer it is the time of year to be young so here is more on the activities of those who are:

Marlene Banister has finished her practice teaching and will start the real thing next fall.

Jeff Neighbor is taking the bus to Los Angeles and brother Fred is going fishing in Canada. Mother Neighbor threatened mayhem in the form of slapping a cold fish in the puss of anyone who had the nerve to bring any fish home for the deep freeze — i.e. — "who flapped Francis in the fanny with a flounder?"

The ulcer group — parents who are about to suffer their offspring's first piano recital — gathered 60 strong at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Neighbor to hear the pupils of the able Peg Winters (able indeed — she has just received the Colleague's Degree in Music as presented by the Music Teacher's Association of California — no mean honor).

Assembled, seated and preparing their finger nails for chewing, they noted on the piano — of all things — a silver candelabra hoisting five pink candles into the air — reminiscent of you know who.

Ah — the tension was eased, thanks to the bright idea of Nelle Neighbor. Impediment removed for concert but returned at the request of Mrs. Winters for her own rendition.

And now about the cavorting of the older kids. Host and hostesses for the last Hill and Dale were Messrs. and Mesdames Miles Sutcliffe, Marshal Shapiro, Lloyd Rasmussen, M. E. Porter, William Babcock, William Gilmore, Dr. and Mrs. Roger Stark, Jack Gompertz and Charles Schuler and General and Mrs. R. B. Moore.

Back to music — some kids just plan to sit around and tootle all summer — such as our local dance band, the Orindians, composed of Bob Johnson, Jerry Gilman, Ed Rinne, Dick Pape, Maro Guarneri, Andy Johnson, Fred Arbogast, Harry Noller, Bob Long, Stan Pitkin, Chuck Cobourn and Diane Rush.

This effective little group started as a scout troop — how the young lady got in we forgot to ask.

### How many bricks in the Smith patio?

Mr. and Mrs. Ritchie Smith have 3000 bricks in their patio. Miss Deborah Smith says there are only 2700 but Mrs. Smith should know — having stacked them.

Anyway, the patio got redone and the antherium and giant philodendrons were in place, cocktails were tinkling on the lanai, canapés were brewing in the kitchen — so — friends gathered on Sunday last for what always appeals to us as a typical country style cocktail gathering, old friends, new friends and Herr Smith playing the Hammond organ with flair and resonance.

Special excitement — we got her! And not only that we have a place to put her. Now we are in the same class as the Berkeley City Women's Club, the Palo Alto City Club, the Curran Theater and a good part of Southern California.

Instead of being just happy country folk we are going to be well informed country folk. Lorita Baker Valley's talks on books and events which were so successful last year that many had to be turned away, will be held this year at the Orinda Theater — where the seats are comfy, the parking good and you will see everyone you know.

Fall, winter and spring you can enjoy yourself on the second Wednesday of each month except December — call any Orinda Branch member for information or if you don't know any call us at CL 4-5378.

What do you do when you are feeling rocky? Very simple — create a free form garden pool with water lilies and surround with flat water washed rocks for "easy maintenance and dramatic contrasts" according to page 126 on the June issue of House Beautiful which shows a picture of the Orinda Garden Club exhibit at a recent California Garden show.

Wouldn't you think Mesdames W. H. Mordy and Heywood Gathings would be mighty pleased with themselves for having planned and executed a display so impressive as to appear in that magazine.

And speaking of houses beautiful — when you went through Pacifica House did you notice the telephone speaker which permits itself to be parked anywhere near you so you can go on about your washing or ironing and talk on the phone at the same time?

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And, speaking of work slowups — on Sunday last we were on one of our yard working orgies. Father, who loathes yard work more than anything else he can think of, beat a hasty retreat into the comparative safety of the upstairs bedroom. In order to prove he was gainfully employed he moved all the furniture.

### Sewing now requires more physical effort

Now, if we should ever again have to sew on a button or darn a sock we will first have to hoist a step ladder from the porch to the second story window on the southeast corner, reach in gingerly and obtain the requisites from the sewing table drawer which, for some reason seems doomed to spend the rest of its life facing the wall.

The reading chair is across the room from the lamp and the waste basket has evidently disappeared permanently — however for the first time in five years we can really see to write this column.

But no more. Father has us, our typewriter and our chair right smack against the window where we can watch the sport cars whizz up Miner Road and the golfers plodding on the greens and that is not all.

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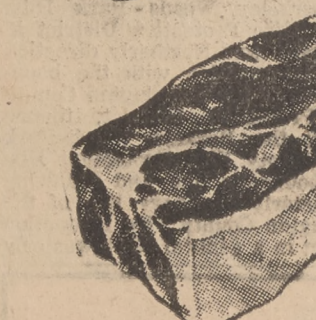


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## Jones Performs Well at All-Star Baseball Game

Richard "Red" Jones, outstanding Acalanes pitcher, was one of the selected 15 East Bay prep baseball players to take part in the All-Star game played at the Oakland Ball Park Sunday afternoon.

The event, sponsored by the Lions Clubs of the area, found the West Bay preps furnishing the opposition and proving to be the winners when they ended up on top of the heap with a final 8-4 score.

Jones was one of four East Bay pitchers to work in the game and did his two innings of work starting in the sixth frame, when he was called in to relieve, with runners on first and second and none away.

THE FIRST BATTER to face Jones was out at first on a sacrifice bunt that advanced the runners to second and third.

The next would-be hitter was out when he hit to the second baseman, who held the runners before the put-out.

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## All-Star Prep Baseball Game Proves Contra Costa Lads Can Equal Oakland

By ERWIN MATTSO

THE ALL-STAR BASEBALL game held at the Oaks' ball park last Sunday between the East and West Bay preps proved a number of things.

First, it proved that All-stars, like any other players, can have good and bad days.

The players, probably due to game tension, with fans, scouts and outstanding player awards in the offing, committed 11 errors, not counting a few mental blots.

Also, it proved that Contra Costa prep ball is not far, if at all, behind the Oakland Athletic League.

The Alameda County Athletic League is probably the best as far as all-around strength is concerned.

Red Jones of Acalanes and John Weekly of Pittsburg were the only two representatives from Contra Costa and acquitted themselves well during the two innings each worked on the mound.

In fact, except for a third baseman's boot of a ground ball that should have been a routine out, Jones could have won the top award — which happened to be a trip to the World Series.

It is interesting to note that in practice play the Acalanes Dons defeated El Cerrito 7-3, and El Cerrito then went on the cop the Alameda County pennant.

which in turn topped top honors in the Oakland Athletic League.

In another inter-league game, El Cerrito defeated Technical High. There is the feeling on the part of some that Contra Costa will soon be large and strong enough to field an All-Star aggregation of its own that will be capable of giving the Oakland area teams all they want in the way of competition.

One thing certain is that the coaches of the All-Stars had a tough job. First, it's difficult to select an All-Star team, and then it's even more difficult to give all 15 players selected a chance in the nine-inning game.

Two games in the form of a doubleheader would probably be much more satisfactory and fairer to coaches and players alike.

## Babe Ruth Ball League Loses 2

Kellys of Contra Costa of the Babe Ruth League lost two games over the weekend, the first to El Cerrito Boys Club and the other to the Pittsburg Boys Club.

El Cerrito scored a 19 to 12 victory with Dennis Bedell and John Flavin on the mound sharing 5 strike-outs.

Tom Watkins, Rich Meier and Dick Dodge also totaled 5 outs from the mound pitching for Kellys.

In the seventh, Jones retired the side in 1-2-3 order and was then relieved when Johnny Weekly of Pittsburg came in to hurl the final two frames.

JONES AND Weekly were the

Roger Cowell, also of Kellys, hit the only home run in the game. Pittsburg beat Kellys 3 to 2 after going into extra innings. Pittsburg pitcher Charles Verdusco struck out 8 men, while Don Hopkins of Kellys struck out 17. Jeff Morgan was the game's one minor casualty.

## Exhibition Game Little Leaguers

The Little Leaguers had a big night Sunday evening when the Walnut Creek Tigers, managed by Mel Alamo, and the Lafayette Indians, under Al Nelson, crossed bats in an exhibition tilt.

The game, played at the Walnut Creek City Park, found the Lafayette nine forced to come from behind before finally winding up with a 17-8 win.

Both managers used a host of players, with substitutes running in and out so that the good crowd of fans saw several teams in action. The Little Leaguers will swing into a regular eight-team schedule once summer vacation time rolls around.

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Contra Costa County's share of the April, 1955 apportionment of highway users taxes is \$97,748 announced Robert C. Kirkwood, State Controller.

He advised County Auditor Howard McNamer that a Controller's warrant in that amount has been forwarded to the County Treasurer. California's 58 counties have received apportionments totaling \$57,521,270 from the Highway Users Tax Fund during the first 11 months of the current fiscal year.

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# Papers, Big or Small, Have Responsibility to Comment

The Wisconsin publisher who led the countermove by Senator McCarthy stalwarts to oust Leroy Gore, the editor who started the "Joe Must Go" campaign, had this to say about the new owners of Gore's weekly, the Sauk City Prairie Star:

"If they keep their noses clean, they'll be all right. Expressing political opinions in newspapers in small communities just isn't the thing to do. Newspapers in places around Sauk City get along well by staying out of politics."

Commenting on the statement, Editor and Publisher, the trade magazine of the newspaper profession, wrote:

"A weekly newspaper publisher, just as a daily publisher, has a duty and responsibility to his readers to comment on the news of the day — political, controversial, or otherwise. His readers may not always agree with his opinions, but they at least will stimulate discussion of important issues."

The Wisconsin Press Association also challenged the publisher's view as an outright denial of the basic American principle of free exchange of ideas.

And the new owners of the Prairie Star said, "We don't believe we would be doing our duty if we were to sink down the back alleys, afraid to open our mouths to express an opinion on any subject that might be the least bit controversial."

This writer, since the days when his fingers first became smudged with ink from a type slug, has felt that any newspaper, large or small, fails in its responsibility to its readers when it retreats from editorial analysis of a controversial issue. To do less would be simply to play into the hands of tyrants of all degrees.

It matters little if the offender is a pint-size politician squandering public money, a public administrator pursuing Gestapo-like measures or a school teacher willfully ignoring common courtesies to his students.

If public eyes and ears are closed to what is happening, the end result is the same — truly a loss of freedom and the dignities to which man is entitled.

— The Pictorial Press (Montezuma, Ind.)

## What They Say School Vacation Reactions Given

The old American image of the carefree schoolboy with shoes dangling from his neck, on his way to an old swimming hole, is with us again.

Like most images of that nature, there is more poetry than truth in it. The modern schoolboy is more likely to be equipped with a hot rod and the swimming "hole" is probably a fairly sanitary swimming pool.

BE THAT AS IT MAY, school is almost out, and thousands of boys and girls are mentally packing their books, eyeing the lovely thought of summer days free of school.

How do most people feel about schools closing for the summer? Do they regard it with good feelings, with dread or what?

Our researchers put the phones to work and here are some of the answers:

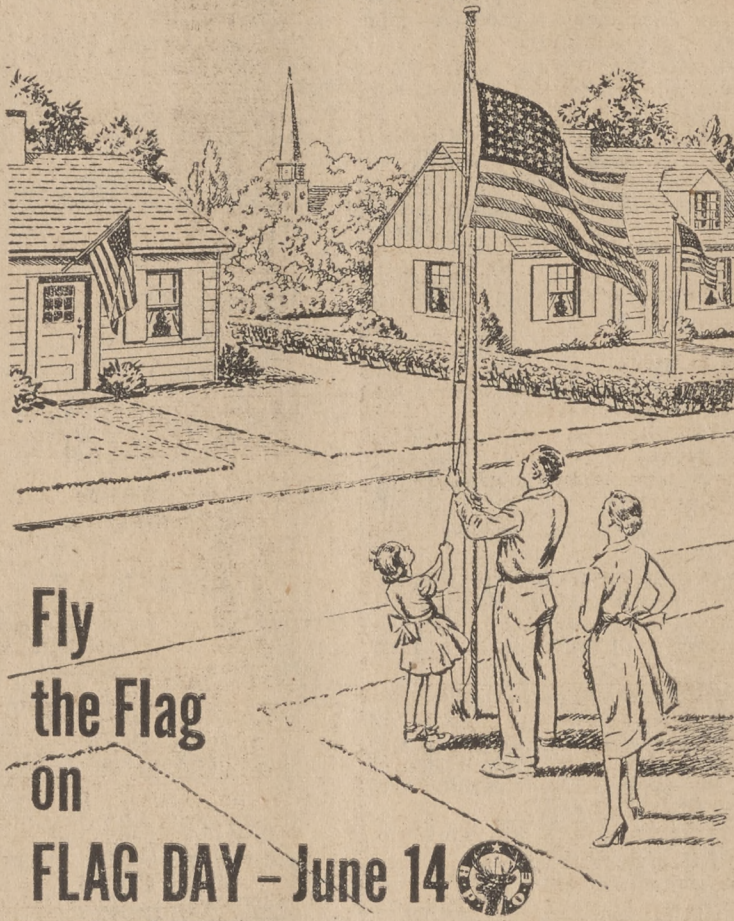
When Mrs. Ira Eckert, 221 Wooten Drive, Walnut Creek, was asked if she was pleased, she exclaimed, "I sure am! The two school children will be a wonderful help to me with the new twins."

Mrs. James Gresham of 1333 Pine Street, Walnut Creek, felt differently about school letting out. "I'm a working woman, and taking care of the children presents a problem."

"Glad, and not glad," laughed Mrs. Emile P. Fabian of 120 Whittier Road, Pleasant Hill. "Glad, because I think the youngsters need a rest and a change. Not glad, because I have an eight year old boy who's going to have to be kept busy."

Mrs. Delfina M. Fallstrom of 402 Beatrice Road, Pleasant Hill, also had conflicting feelings about her three children's summer vacation.

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"In a way I like it; it will give the children a rest away from obligations, and yet, in another way I feel that summer school might be a good idea."

For Miss Bonne Pimentel of Moraga, the school year is already a thing of the past. She is the lone eighth grade graduate of Moraga School. Commencement was last night. "I'm glad school is

out," she said. "I'm looking forward to going to Miramonte High School next fall."

JOHN W. WATSON Jr. of 2 Hill Lane, Orinda, said, "Well, we're about five years away from worrying about that." He explained their oldest child is 1 year young.

"It doesn't make too much difference to us, either," said Mrs. James Hollis of 1807 Reliez Valley Road, Lafayette. "But I think it's a nice time of the year. Everyone can relax and have fun for a change."

Mrs. Allan R. Devlin of 941 Carol Lane, Lafayette, answered, "I don't have school-age children, but it seems to me I'd be happy when school lets out and the children are home — of course, when my children get old enough, I may feel differently about it."

### Call on J. F. Baldwin

The last three weeks have brought many visitors to the office of Congressman John F. Baldwin from the California Sixth District. These have included Mrs. Charles Ward, 4 Los Dedos Road, Orinda; Thomas N. Barrows, Orinda; Mr. and Mrs. Richard P. Hafner, Orinda; Mr. and Mrs. John T. Schroeder, Walnut Creek; R. M. McNairy, Lafayette.

## Letters to The Editor

Dear Editor: Residents of Central Contra Costa County are finding it increasingly difficult to follow the political trail of Supervisor H. L. (Jack) Cummings these days.

On April 6 the chairman of the county board and representative of Supervisorial District 2, said to County Planning Director Thomas Heaton, regarding zoning for Moraga Valley:

"You knew we wanted the zoning application before this board on May 3."

ON APRIL 7, CUMMINGS and the other members of the Board of Supervisors voted that the Central Contra Costa Sanitary District be allowed to establish a special assessment district in the San Ramon Valley, outside the boundaries of the Sanitary District.

For many months there have been demands that master plans be completed before land is extensively rezoned.

Despite this, Cummings remarked, at a hearing involving Pleasant Hill property, "I don't know what all this agitation over a master plan means."

DEMANDS OF many residents and of most improvement associations finally resulted in approval by the County Planning Commission of the Moraga master plan.

Then the recall movement against Cummings began. Although this letter is no way an endorsement of the recall movement I have been interested to observe what has since been happening.

On May 3, when the Board of Supervisors sent Moraga zoning plans back to the Planning Commission, Cummings said: "We're not the planners of this county. We have planners to advise us on these matters."

HE ADDED that the board's intention had been misunderstood — that the board wanted a progress report, not necessarily a decision.

On May 26 Cummings appeared before the Central Contra Costa Sanitary District Board of Directors and asked for delay in work on the contemplated 36-inch sewer main to serve the San Ramon Valley.

"The people are not happy with the Board of Supervisors or with the Central Contra Costa Sanitary District's action," he said.

AND REGARDING master planning — the county (through the Planning Commission) is now saying in effect, "Master planning should come first, before zoning."

Protests by residents resulted in the commission's delaying approval of subdivision plans near Alamo pending completion of the proposed master plan for the San Ramon Valley.

Name withheld on request.



## Under The Sun

By Herman Silverman

### Snoopy gets in the act...

Snoopy, the office cat, jumped onto the desk and said, "Hey, boss, I have something for our column. You always yak about politics, zoning, taxes and other bothersome stuff. Here's a letter from a pal looking for a home. How about it?"

Okay, say I. And here is a letter from Tina, from the new animal shelter in Lafayette:

"Tina" writes, "I am a sweet dog and already spayed. A wonderful combination Cocker-Springer, all black and one year old. Please come for me. I so want a permanent home even though they are very good to me here at the new Pets & Pals shelter at 3333 Mt. Diablo Boulevard in Lafayette. My telephone number is ATlantic 4-4411 and, of course, there are other dogs and cats here, too, wanting good homes."

Okay, Snoopy, what else shall we talk about?

### Your kids have 4 legs?

"You know, our residential roads are terribly dangerous these days," Snoopy answers. "We animals are almost as unsafe as your children — and we have four legs to escape from speeding cars. Here read this memo from the news desk."

"An unidentified citizen called the office Saturday to complain about speed mania in front of his home, as well as on many other residential streets. He said hot rodders are really ripping about and it's hard to rouse the authorities to get protection from speeders on the back roads. He asked if we could mention this and we wrote another story on it."

Snoopy and I have talked of this before. How would you feel if your child were run over? Or if you ran over a child? Let's slow down.

Incidentally, Snoopy and I have a difficult time figuring out why people will call The Sun with suggestions, ideas or news tips but will refuse to be quoted or sometimes will not even give their names.

We are constantly asked to campaign for this — or look into that — or write about such-and-such. And often these people are unwilling to do anything about the situation themselves. Shouldn't people be willing to stand behind what they believe?

### Mrs. Sheriff at work

Sheriff Harry Brown and his good wife Dolly haven't been in the column for a while, so here's an anecdote about them, as reported by Frank Piazzi in The Examiner.

That attempted extortion of \$75,000 from Walter N. Boysen, Oakland and Orinda paint manufacturer, developed some extremely tense moments after the bundle of money was dropped in the culvert at Rheem Boulevard and Jonas Hill Road, Moraga.

Every road was staked out by alert Contra Costa deputy sheriffs. On the first night Sheriff Brown told his wife Dolly he had an important case working, asked her to go along on the ride with him.

They drove to a spot overlooking the staked out area and waited. After a couple of hours Mrs. Brown asked what they were waiting for. "An extortioner!" Sheriff Brown replied. "Have you a gun?" his wife asked and he nodded affirmation. "Has the extortioner got a gun?" He could have, the sheriff said, and there could be shooting.

"Then," said Mrs. Brown, mother of seven children, "what am I doing here?"

## 'B-o-o-a-ard! Diablo Valley Lines Prepare for Show

Once more the roaring blast of a mighty freight train climbing high in the mountains will be heard in Walnut Creek when the Diablo Valley Lines opens its second annual show for three days starting next Friday.

The famous model railroad, in HO scale (3/4 millimeters to one foot) will be found, as usual, in the clubhouse of the Walnut Creek Model Railroad Society, just north of Capwell's parking lot, near the SP depot.

From Main Street, visitors may turn at Las Palmas Hotel onto Walker Avenue, then turn right just before the railroad tracks cross the road. A distance of less than a city block south, is the clubhouse. Since the inaugural show last June construction work has progressed, and the freight yard is now completed; a diesel engine shop and new roundhouse have been built; the teen-agers' branch is in full operation, and there will be plenty of activity to entertain the visitors.

In the annual report submitted last month, Treasurer Warren Martens announced that a small amount of cash had accumulated after paying the light bill, so hope is stronger of being able to buy material some day and finish the outside of the building. This was encouraging as the members were growing tired of the unpainted, black building board. However, completion plans are not yet definite.

Superintendent Fred Dixon reported that a number of improvements had been made: running water had been piped to the clubhouse; interior construction had progressed during the winter months; trackwork on the layout had been rebuilt in some places and extended in others; power supply, standard 12 volt direct current, had been modernized by installation of new motor-generator sets; and, plans are underway for a new entrance hall to the clubhouse, to be built in the form of an observation car, which will make it more attractive.

Secretary E. C. Nevins reported that several members dropped out last year but new members had joined since then, holding the membership at 22.

He emphasized that additional members will be welcome; the initiation fee and dues are nominal. Nevins summarized the activities of the year: a special show last October, a Cub Scout demonstration several months ago when members were staggered by the vast amount of enthusiastic and exuberant Cub Scouts, several informal talks at the club meetings given by Southern Pacific officials, and the regular, public operating nights the last Friday of each month which were always well attended.

The annual meeting was concluded by election of officers for the coming year. Cautiously and suspiciously, the members concluded they did not wish to find themselves burdened with the onerous duties of the previous year. So by unanimous ballot they re-elected last year's officers, Superintendent Fred Dixon, Treasurer Warren Martens, Secretary E. C. Nevins and President John E. McKirahan, making only a slight change by substituting Lou Williams for vice-president in place of Bud Herrier.

Beating the drums for the June show will be publicity and advertising chairman, George Lewis. He will do his best to make sure nobody

overlooks the fact that the show will be held Friday evening, Saturday afternoon and evening and Sunday afternoon. It was also voted unanimously to hold down the admission fee by keeping it at the original amount of 25 cents a person.

## UN Council Tells Of Preparations For Anniversary

Members of the Mt. Diablo Council for the United Nations are busily engaged with plans for participation in the forthcoming celebration for the 10th anniversary of the United Nations which opens officially June 20 in San Francisco.

Frank A. Marshall of Walnut Creek, Edward Twomey of St. Mary's College, and Mrs. Elinor C. Allen of Antioch represented the board of advisors to the Mt. Diablo Council at a recent executive board meeting which was held at the home of Mrs. Marie Maser.

The advisors reviewed the activities of the council for the past year and contributed to plans for future endeavors. One of the major events will be an "International Dance" to be held at the Diablo Country Club in October.

Committees are being selected, and chairmen in charge of arrangements are Fred Karlrud, general chairman; Mrs. Arthur Schick, tickets; Rev. Philip A. Solbjor, program; Mrs. Sherman Camp, decorations; Mrs. Henry Brodsky, publicity.

President Richard Lommel has recently appointed several new chairmen to the executive board of the Mt. Diablo Council. These include Mrs. Barbara Fuhrmann, international service committee; Fred Karlrud, ways and means committee; Mrs. E. R. Shaw, speakers bureau; Miriam Garner, publications committee, and Rev. Philip A. Solbjor, program chairman.

## Supervisors Plan Million \$ Budget

The Contra Costa Board of Supervisors, in the new budget, contemplate capital outlays totaling approximately \$1,000,000, it was announced Monday.

Officials of the County Taxpayer's Association, who have been conferring with the supervisors on budget matters, said the largest item is \$250,000 for remodeling the 53-year-old courthouse.

Another large proposed expenditure is \$120,000, the county's share of a \$360,000 health department building, location of which is still undetermined.

Possible budgetings are \$120,000 for a boys' camp, \$100,000 for purchase of park sites and \$100,000 for a major corporation yard.

The supervisors are also discussing hangars and terminal buildings at the county airport at Buchanan Field, a new maximum security jail at the Marsh Creek prison farm and a new county dog pound.

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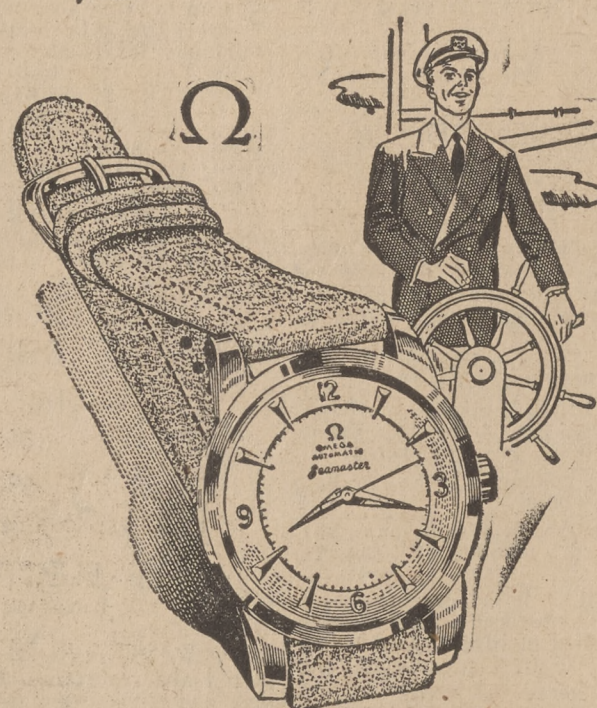
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